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be commended much more highly as a source of raw material and as a treatise on the method of studying wealth and income than as a finished description of Australian economic conditions.

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NEW BOOKS

DAVIS, W. A. *A brief study of 2,000 birth certificates.* (Austin, Texas: Bureau of Vital Statistics. 1918. Pp. 12.)

Dr. Davis, State Registrar of Vital Statistics of Texas, presents in a simple and telling manner the deficiencies in returns under the new registration law. In the 2,000 certificates, for instance, 673 omit the name of the child, 278 the place of birth of the mother, 164 the birthplace of the father, 72 the birthplace of the child, 18 the date of birth, and so forth; 138 certificates were made out in pencil. This is all an index of the amount of education needed by the physicians, even of the more thickly populated and advanced portions of the state, before adequate compliance with the law can be looked for. Dr. Davis also gives some very interesting analyses of the content of the certificates. The results are not definitive or exhaustive but they are a valuable suggestion of the sort of information adequate registration will afford, and as such are of importance as an educative factor to the people of the state.

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HOFFMAN, F. L. *The malaria problem in peace and war. A consolidation of papers read at the annual meeting of the National Committee on Malaria, Memphis, Tenn., November 12, 1917 and the annual convention of the New Jersey Mosquito Eradication Commission, Atlantic City, N. J., January 31, 1918, materially revised and enlarged and brought down to date.* (Newark, N. J.: Prudential Press. 1918. Pp. 101.)

Census of prairie provinces. Population and agriculture. Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta. (Ottawa: Census & Statistics Office. 1918. Pp. lxvi, 356.)

Mortality statistics, 1916. Seventeenth annual report. (Washington: Bureau of the Census. 1918. Pp. 543.)

Statistics of fire departments of cities having a population of over 30,000. (Washington: Bureau of the Census. 1918. Pp. 105.)

Year book of the state of Indiana for the year 1917. (Indianapolis: Secretary of State. 1918. Pp. viii, 883.)

El movimiento del estado civil y la mortalidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay en el año 1917. (Montevideo: Abelardo Vescovi, director general. 1918. Pp. 77.)